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Dear Attorney Hesse,

It has come to my attention that the government is now accepting public comment in the case of $U.S. \ v$ Microsoft. I'm writing to express my support for this settlement.

Millions of dollars have now been spent to arrive at this settlement. Although it was beneficial to the American people to investigate the business practices of such a large company, no harm to consumers was elucidated. It is now time to stop spending taxpayers' money and let the decision be final.

Over the past several months Americans have suffered great losses. These losses have been both emotional and financial. Although the government cannot help us with much of what has been lost, it can help us to get the economy back on track. Punishing Microsoft for contributing to the American economy and tying up the courts' time is not the way to accomplish this.

Allowing Microsoft to continue to be a leader in innovative technological products will help immensely in getting this country back on it's feet. Recession is a difficult time for all of us. Microsoft's contribution to the economy should not be seen as antagonistic to each of our financial goals but rather as complementary and beneficial.

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Sincerely,

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